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Dear Ms. Nielson,

Welcome to the Technical Review Committee for the Bonneville Salt Flats Study. We appreciate your interest in the public lands and willingness to work with the district to find the causes and possible solutions for salt loss. A draft charter to help clarify the committee's responsibilities has been developed and is enclosed. Please be prepared to discuss the charter during the first meeting.

Enclosed for your information are various references and documents concerning the Bonneville Salt Flats, along with a list of the Technical Review Committee members and initial draft of the salt flats study plan. The first meeting of the Technical Review Committee has been scheduled for 2 p.m., February 22, 1990 at the Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake District Office. The District Office is located in the Decker Lake Industrial Park at 2370 South, 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119.

The purpose of the meeting will to become familiar with the background and issues associated with the salt flats, meet the other committee members and the USGS researchers involved in the salt flats study. Please contact Jordon Pope at 977-4300 if you are unable to attend the meeting or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Deane H. Zeller District Manager

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# CHARTER SALT LAKE DISTRICT TECHNICAL REVIEW TEAM

#### Bureau of Land Management

- 1. Official Designation: Salt Lake District Technical Review Committee.
- 2. Committee Objectives and Scope: Provide technical review and advice to the Bureau of Land Management District Manager regarding the Bonneville Salt Flats study to be conducted by the United States Geological Survey.
- 3. Period of Time Necessary for the Committee's Activities: Since its functions are related to a specific project scheduled for completion in 1991 the activities are expected to be completed by December 1992, subject to periodic review.
- 4. Official to Whom the Committee Reports: Salt Lake District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Interior.
- 5. <u>Administrative Support:</u> Administrative support for activities of the Team will be provided by the Salt Lake District Office.
- 6. <u>Duties of the Committee:</u> At the request of the District Manager or his designee, the Committee will meet periodically to analyze and comment on the scope, methodologies, and other factors associated with the Salt Flats study plan and ongoing study.
- 7. Committee's Composition and Qualifications: The Committee's membership shall consist of members with a scientific background, chiefly in the earth sciences including geology, hydrology, engineering and related fields. Other considerations include residence in area, interest, and experience. The committee will comprise 6 to 10 members who are appointed and serve at the pleasure of the District Manager.

### 8. Member Selection and Service:

a. To be eligible for appointment to the Committee, a person must be qualified through education, training, knowledge, or experience to give informed advice regarding the salt flats hydrological and geological setting and to provide technical review and comment on studies of the salt flats.

- b. Vacancies occurring by reason of removal, resignation, or other factors will be filled for the balance of the vacating member's term in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.
- c. All members will serve without salary, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees, should they be required to spend a night away from home.
- 9. <u>Subcommittee's:</u> To facilitate the functioning of the Committee, subcommittee's may be formed to study and develop recommendation on selected issues for consideration by the full Committee. Meetings of any Committee or subcommittee shall be called and conducted in accord with federal and Bureau of Land Management regulations and guidelines.
- 10. Committee Officers: The Committee will elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and secretary/recorder from among its members at the first meeting of each calendar year. Chairpersons and members of any subcommittees formed will be appointed by the Committee Chairperson with the concurrence of the District Manager or his designee.
- Meetings: Meetings of the Committee will be called only by 11. the District Manager or his designee, after consultation with the Committee chairperson. Meetings of subcommittee's will be called by the Committee chairperson/vice chairperson after consultation with the subcommittee chairperson. All Committee meetings, including field examinations, will be open to the general public, including representatives of news media. Any organization, association, or individual may file a statement with or appear before the Committee and its subcommittee's regarding topics on the meeting agenda or issues relating to the purpose of the Committee -- except that the District Manager may require prior notification by those desiring to attend field examinations and/or be heard, set per-person time limits, and require that presentations be reduced to writing and copies be filed with the Committee.

Meeting notices will be sent to each member and other interested persons which set forth clearly and precisely the issues or topics to be discussed and will provide specific times and places for the meeting. Committee meeting agendas must be reviewed in advance by the District Manager or his designee.

12. <u>Committee Records:</u> Detailed minutes of each meeting, including recommendations made, and copies of all studies and reports received, issued, or approved in conjunction with activities of the Committee and its subcommittee's, will be maintained at the District Office, and will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours.

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- 13. Estimated Operating Costs: Activities of the Committee annually will require an estimated \$5,000 (including 1/4 work year) of Federal employee support.
- 14. Meeting Frequency: The Committee will normally meet from two to four times annually, but in no case less than once. Additional meetings may be called by the District Manager or his designee or chairperson in connection with special needs.
- 15. <u>Termination Date:</u> The Committee will terminate four years from the date this charter is approved, unless prior to that date, it is terminated by the District Manager or his designee.
- 16. <u>Authority:</u> Creation of the Committee is in furtherance of the Secretary of the Interiors's statutory responsibilities for administration of the lands and resources managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

District Manager Date